AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington relating to City property; adding a new Chapter 2.31 Kent City Code establishing a process and procedure for rewards for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of persons responsible for destruction of City property.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Chapter 2.31 Kent City Code is added as follows:

2.31.010. REWARD ESTABLISHED. In the public interest a standing reward in the sum up to five hundred ($500) dollars is hereby established for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person or persons responsible for each act of damage to, and/or destruction of, any City property.

2.31.020. REWARD ELIGIBILITY. In order to be eligible for a reward pursuant to 2.31.010, the individual furnishing said information must testify or be willing to testify at any hearing or trial held to determine the guilt or liability of the person or persons alleged to be responsible for each act of damage to, or/and destruction of, City property. Said testimony shall be as to facts and circumstances known to the individual and furnished to the City of Kent.

2.31.030. PAYMENT FROM GENERAL FUND. Reward payment shall be charged against the General Fund, upon certification from the City Administrator, upon consultation with the City Attorney and affected Department.

2.31.040. The offer of reward, established by this Chapter 2.31, shall be posted in conspicuous public places throughout the City of Kent, as the City Administrator shall direct, and shall be widely distributed to the news media within this area.

2.31.050. CERTAIN PERSONS INELIGIBLE. The officers and employees of the City of Kent, members of their immediate family,
and their kindred to the fourth (4th) degree are excluded from application of the provisions of this section.

Section 2. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivisions, section or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance, or the validity or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ISABEL HOGAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

P. STEPHEN DIJULIO, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED the ___ day of ___, 1985.
APPROVED the ___ day of ___, 1985.
PUBLISHED the ___ day of ___, 1985.

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I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 2578, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK
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